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ANNOUNCES TWO PROMOTIONS

_____ Tampa, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announced today the promotion of two Assistant United States Attorneys to the management structure of the United States Attorney's Office.

Carolyn Adams is now the First Assistant United States Attorney. Carolyn has a B.A. from Lander College; a Master in Education from Clemson University; and a J.D. from the University of South Carolina Law School. Carolyn began her legal career in 1980 as a Staff Attorney in the United States Senate for the Judiciary Committee. In 1982, she became an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia until 1987. In 1987, she became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Georgia until 1999. During her tenure in the NDGA, Carolyn also served as the Assistant Director of the Office of Legal Education both in Washington, DC and at the National Advocacy Center. In 1999, Carolyn became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida. Since 2002, she has been the Chief of the Orlando Division.

Lee Bentley is now the Chief of the Criminal Division. Lee received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and his law degree from the University of Virginia. In 1983, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Clement Haynsworth on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In 1984, Lee served as a law clerk to the Honorable Lewis Powell on the United States Supreme Court. From

1985 until 1989, he was employed by the U.S. Department of Justice- Office of Legal Counsel, which included a term as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorneys Office for the Southern District of Florida. From 1989 through 2000, he was a partner at Hogan & Hartson, a law firm in Washington, DC. In 2000, Lee became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida.